

# CALIFORNIA'S FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE - 2002

## BACKGROUND

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- ✍ **POPULATION GROWTH** – By 2025, 14 million people are expected to be living in California, with over 60% of the growth in the Central Valley.
- ✍ **MAJOR FLOODS** – In California, 90% of all natural disasters are flood related and sites at greatest risk are floodplain associated with large rivers, coastal wetlands, and alluvial fans. Flooding in 1983, 1986, 1995, 1997 and 1998 caused widespread system failures and extensive damage that exceeded State estimates of \$5.1 billion.
- ✍ **ECOSYSTEM DEGRADATION** – Currently there remains less than 5% of the historical wetlands, 11% of the vernal pools, 6% of the riparian zone, and patches of riparian are forest too small and fragmented to sustain dependent species.

## TASK FORCE AUTHORIZATION

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- ✍ **1997 FLOOD EMERGENCY ACTION TEAM REPORT (FEAT)** – The FEAT report recommended establishment of a Floodplain Management Task Force to address specific issues related to State and local floodplain management and make recommendations to improve statewide floodplain management policy.
- ✍ **ASSEMBLY BILL 1147** – In 2000 the Legislature enacted AB 1147, which recommends the establishment of a Floodplain Management Task Force to address specific issues related to State and local floodplain management and make recommendations to improve statewide floodplain management policy.

## FORMATION OF FLOODPLAIN TASK FORCE

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- ✍ **TASK FORCE FUNDING** – The Legislature approved \$300,000 for the Floodplain Management Task Force and the Department of Water Resources provided an additional \$300,000. The Task Force was created in March 2002.
- ✍ **TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP** – Task Force members represent statewide interests from the Legislature, local, State and federal governments, in addition to the interests of Native Americans, agriculture industry, building industry, and environmental organizations (*see attached list of members*).
- ✍ **PROCESS** – Facilitator's, consultants, and DWR staff have been used to support the Task Force work in developing recommendations. A consensus-based approach is being used with ***no voting*** requirements. The public is included in all meetings. A total of six meetings were scheduled for the Task Force in 2002:
  - April 18 & 19                      - September 25 and 26
  - June 13                                - November 6 and 7
  - August 7 and 8                      - December 12

## TASK FORCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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- ✍ To identify and document riverine, alluvial fan, and coastal floodplain issues and the interrelationship to stakeholder interests.
- ✍ To identify residential, commercial, and other human environment issues and ensure their consideration in the development of policies.
- ✍ To identify natural floodplain resource and function issues and ensure their consideration in the development of policies.
- ✍ To assist in spreading floodplain management practices and requirements to the larger community.
- ✍ To recommend specific concepts, policies and actions statewide that will enhance floodplain management implementation.

## TASK FORCE PRODUCTS AND DELIVERABLES

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- ✍ **FINAL REPORT** - A report identifying Task Force policy recommendations will be delivered to DWR on December 15, 2002. DWR will forward the entire report to the Governor.

## PROGRESS TO DATE

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- ✍ **RESEARCH** - Staff and consultants compiled 805 recommendations from 39 historical sources, as well as Task Force members input.
- ✍ **DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS** – Task Force members finished reviewing recommendations and organized them into three groups.
- ✍ **REPORT PREPARATION** – Task Force members received the final draft of the report on Monday, December 2; will sixth and final meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2002.

## NEXT STEPS/INVOLVEMENT

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- ✍ The Task Force will approve final draft of the report at the December meeting
- ✍ Final report will be printed in January

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Hon. Gregory Zlotnick <b>Task Force Co-Vice Chair</b>	Association of California Water Agencies
Leslie Friedman-Johnson <b>Task Force Co-Vice Chair</b>	Joe Caves and Associates
Tom Davis	Agua Caliente Tribe
Eileen Reynolds	California Association Of REALTORS?
Thomas Wehri	California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
Jim Ray	California Building Industry Association
Brian White, alternate	California Building Industry Association
Clifford Moriyama	California Business Properties Association
T. Michael Hardesty	California Central Valley Flood Control Association
Joe Petersen	California Farm Bureau Federation
Russell Young	California Farm Bureau Federation
Hon. Marci Coglianese	California League of Cities - City of Rio Vista
Karen Keene	California State Association of Counties
Michael Callahan	California State Association of Counties - County of San Joaquin
Hon. Susan Lien	City Council - San Bernardino; Southern California Associated Governments
Linda Cole	Community Alliance with Family Farmers
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Tal Finney, alternate	Governor's Office of Planning and Research
John Hopkins	Institute for Ecological Health
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**Federal Advisory Committee:**

Cynthia McKenzie	Federal Emergency Management Agency
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